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TOPIC Construction of Buchholz Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 17 and 24 April 1952

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1. On 17 April 1952, source observed a HW-02 clearing about 3 km long and 600 meters wide located about 500 meters northeast of Poldela, about 3 km from the Suelstorf railroad station. An approach road to the field, which ran through wooded terrain for about 1 km, branched off from Highway No 106, approximately at kilometer marker 25.3. About 200 civilian workers used tractors and winches to uproot stumps in the lane. They burned underbrush and cut small trees. On the southwestern side of the lane, about in a line with Poldela were three low wooden buildings for the workers, 4 concrete mixers and 3 asphalt machines. An electric wire extended from the direction of Holthusen to the quarters for the laborers. No night lighting facilities were observed. About 20 Soviet soldiers with red epaulets, who guarded the field, were observed near the low wooden buildings. There was no spur track. Material was trucked from Suelstorf railroad station to the airfield.

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2. On 24 April, source observed that a wooden railroad bridge was under construction south of the Poldela signal house, about 700 meters from the point where the railroad line leaves the wooded terrain. Embankments and wooden constructions were observed on both sides of the railroad line. *

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Comment. The reported construction work is part of the airfield construction near Holthusen-Buchholz, southeast of Schwerin. It appears that the work was still limited to clearing the wooded terrain. The concrete mixers and asphalt machines were probably required for the construction of approach roads. The airfield will not be equipped with surfaced runways or taxiways.

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